

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments, and the following remarks, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Claims 1-17 and 19-23 are now pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 13 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled Claim 18, amended Claims 1, 13 and 22, and added new Claim 23.

Claims 1-12 are allowed. Claim 14-22 stand objected to as being dependent on rejected base claim, but the Office Action indicates that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

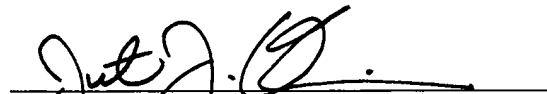
Claims 13 and 22/13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,479,288 (Ishizuka, et al.).

Applicant has amended Claim 13 to remove the term “remotely” and to incorporate all of the features previously recited in Claim 18, which depended directly from Claim 13. Because the Office Action acknowledges that Claim 18 contained allowable subject matter, Applicant submits that amended Claim 13 is now allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and allowance of this application.

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